



## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB5819

Introduced 11/10/2020, by Rep. Emanuel Chris Welch

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Illinois Amateur Sports Commission Act. Provides that the purpose of the Commission is to advise and to make recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly regarding the promotion, development, expansion, and fostering of amateur sports, amateur sports programs, and amateur sporting events throughout the State. Sets forth the areas of study that the Commission must examine. Sets forth the membership of the Commission. Contains provisions concerning meetings and reporting. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Illinois Amateur Sports Commission Act.

6 Section 5. Illinois Amateur Sports Commission; purpose;  
7 duties.

8 (a) The Illinois Amateur Sports Commission is created.

9 (b) The purpose of the Commission is to research, study,  
10 and to make recommendations to the Governor and the General  
11 Assembly about the promotion, development, expansion, and  
12 fostering of amateur sports, amateur sports programs, and  
13 amateur sporting events throughout the State.

14 (c) Recommendations made by the Commission shall focus  
15 generally on the promotion and encouragement of physical  
16 fitness through the participation in amateur sports and amateur  
17 sports programs and on the development of local and statewide  
18 business opportunities and economic development relating to  
19 amateur sports, amateur sports programs, competitions, and  
20 events. The recommendations reported by the Commission to the  
21 Governor and General Assembly shall include, but are not  
22 limited to, the following objectives:

23 (1) To provide workshops, training, and conferences to

1 schools and communities throughout the State to increase  
2 youth participation in amateur sports and amateur sports  
3 programs.

4 (2) To connect public, private, local, and State  
5 entities to generate funding for amateur sports programs  
6 and to facilitate the communication of information  
7 statewide about amateur sports programs and events.

8 (3) To support the development of and investment in an  
9 Olympic Training Center in the State.

10 (4) To promote the participation of community amateur  
11 sports programs in national and international amateur  
12 athletic competitions and events.

13 (5) To encourage the inclusion and participation of  
14 persons with disabilities in amateur sports and amateur  
15 sports programs.

16 Section 10. Membership.

17 (a) The Commission shall include the following members:

18 (1) Four members appointed by the Governor who have  
19 recognized experience in promoting, organizing, or  
20 administering amateur sports programs or other athletic  
21 organizations.

22 (2) Two members appointed by the Governor who are  
23 Olympians and who participated in youth sports.

24 (3) One member of the Senate appointed by the President  
25 of the Senate.

1           (4) One member of the Senate appointed by the Minority  
2 Leader of the Senate.

3           (5) One member of the House of Representatives  
4 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

5           (6) One member of the House of Representatives  
6 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of  
7 Representatives.

8           (7) One member appointed by the Governor who represents  
9 an Illinois high school athletic association.

10          (8) One member appointed by the Governor who represents  
11 an Illinois collegiate athletic association.

12          (9) Eleven members appointed by the Governor who shall  
13 individually represent one category of the following  
14 amateur youth sports, but shall as a group represent all of  
15 the following categories of amateur youth sports:

16               (A) Baseball.

17               (B) Basketball.

18               (C) Cheerleading or gymnastics.

19               (D) Cross country running or other track and field  
20 sports.

21               (E) Football.

22               (F) Golf.

23               (G) Hockey.

24               (H) Soccer.

25               (I) Softball.

26               (J) Swimming.

1 (K) Volleyball.

2 (b) More than 4 members of the General Assembly may be  
3 appointed to serve on the Commission as long as the number of  
4 members appointed at any time, except during a vacancy,  
5 represent equally each of the majority and minority caucuses of  
6 each house.

7 (c) The Governor shall select the chairperson of the  
8 Council from among the members.

9 Section 15. Terms; meetings; support; expenses.

10 (a) Each member of the Commission shall be appointed for a  
11 2-year term, or until his or her successor is appointed. The  
12 Governor may stagger the members' terms to ensure continuity in  
13 the performance of the Commission's responsibilities.

14 (b) The Commission shall meet initially within 30 days  
15 after the effective date of this Act, and at least quarterly  
16 thereafter, at the times and places in this State that the  
17 Commission designates.

18 (c) The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity  
19 shall provide administrative and other support to the  
20 Commission.

21 (d) Members of the Commission shall receive no compensation  
22 for their participation, but may be reimbursed by the  
23 Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for expenses in  
24 connection with their participation, including travel, subject  
25 to the rules of the appropriate travel control board, if funds

1 are available.

2 Section 20. Reporting. The Commission shall submit a report  
3 of its findings, research, and recommendations to the Governor  
4 and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2022 and  
5 thereafter on an annual basis.

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
7 becoming law.